



The Spirit

Pastors: James E. Whedbee, Donald R. Hanshew Jr., Melissa R. Smith

Dave Ramsey Simulcast Coming to FCUMC

Join with Dave Ramsey for a nationwide event to discover what's happening with the economy, how we got here, and where we're going. Join us for this free event April 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we join with thousands of others across the country to reignite the fire of hope! Childcare for fifth grade and under is available, but space is limited - childcare reservations are required by Sunday, April 19, and can be made by calling the church office.

New Book Study April 22: Same Kind of Different as Me

On Wednesdays, April 22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m., we will do a two-part book study on this eye-opening book on homelessness. Ginny Weatherstone, CEO of the Volunteer Ministry Center, will help lead this inspiring discussion. Beginning April 13, you may stop by the church office to get a copy for the greatly reduced price of \$10. Even if you have not read the book, you will find the discussion meaningful. The authors of this true story will be in Knoxville on May 12 as part of the Knoxville initiative to end chronic homelessness in ten years. Check out more at www.carrythetorch.info/Knoxville/.

Net Director Position Opening

Fountain City United Methodist Church is searching for a Director of The Net after school ministry for middle school students. The position will begin August 1, 2009, follows the Knox County School system schedule, and is from 3-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, 15 hours a week, paid for 200 days. There is also an additional 3 hours a week spent working in the middle school ministries of the church. Interested individuals should contact Andrew Cooper, Director of Youth Ministries, at acooper@fountaincityumc.org or call (865) 689-5175.

Resumes may be submitted to 212 Hotel Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918 or via email by April 24, 2009. A complete job description can be found at www.fountaincityumc.org and in the church office.

Worship With Us!

April 19, 2009

First Sunday After Easter



**BEHOLD,
CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

Traditional Service (8:30 & 11:00)

"The More We Believe..."

John 20:19-31

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

**the
Journey**

"Do You Remember When...?"

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon by Melissa Smith

Wednesday Fellowship

April 22, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Creamy Chicken Pesto Pasta,
Green Salad, Strawberry Crisp

*Light Side: Baked Fish,
Mixed Vegetables & Rice Pilaf*

Kid's Menu: Macaroni & Cheese,
Green Beans, Jello & Fruit,
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Adults \$6, Children (5th grade and
under) \$3; Families of 3 or more
\$16, Seniors (65+) \$5

Make your reservations on the
worship attendance card, or call
the church office before noon on
Tuesday, April 21.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

Our Good Friday Tenebrae service, as always, was a very powerful service as we attempted to recapture the solemnity and sadness of the day of Jesus' crucifixion. With the extinguishing of candles as the sanctuary lights were dimmed, the reading of Scriptures and the music of the congregation and choir, we remembered the desertion of Jesus by his disciples. One worshiper sent an email that read in part: "I can't remember a service whose strong symbolism struck me with such force." The service ended quietly with many worshipers shedding tears. Nothing we could do, though, would equal nature's work on Friday afternoon to help us recall Scripture as severe thunderstorms and tornadoes ripped through middle and east Tennessee.

Luke 23:44 reminds us that as Jesus hung on the cross "darkness came over the whole land . . . while the sun's light failed." Even though our own area here in Fountain City was not affected as severely as other parts of the county and state, we experienced a period of darkness "as the sun's light failed" on Good Friday afternoon. (Our outside lights at home that are supposed to come on at dusk came on at about 3:00.) It was a stark reminder to me of the darkness of that Friday afternoon on Calvary.

We were all saddened by the destruction and deaths that were caused by these storms. In fact, our little five-year-old granddaughter, Mary Haisten, said to Judy and me the next day: "I didn't cry because I might get (sic) hurt. I cried because I didn't want anybody to get hurt because I like everybody in the world." Wow! Judy and I heard our first Easter sermon for this year on that

afternoon before Easter from our own granddaughter. We might, though, need to remind Mary Haisten of her own words when it might sometimes appear that she is not so fond of her brothers.

The world became dark on that Friday afternoon because God loved everybody in the world. Jesus was raised from the dead on Sunday because God loved everybody in the world. We celebrated that resurrection this past Sunday because God still loves everybody in the world, and we don't ever have to remind God of that. In fact, God might have to remind us of that every once in a while because we do not always remember to thank God for that love and to live in that love and to worship the God who always loves us.

Our Easter services were, as always, very powerful services as we attempted to recapture the joy of that day of resurrection. God provided a beautiful day, replete with sunshine and warm temperatures. Don and Melissa preached the Easter story with their hearts. I thought the brilliance of the music was going to shatter our beautiful new windows in the sanctuary. The congregation was eager to worship and, in fact, came in what appear to be record numbers for FCUMC.

Christ is still alive, and we will gather to worship again next Sunday, April 19, same time, same place. I hope you will be with us!

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

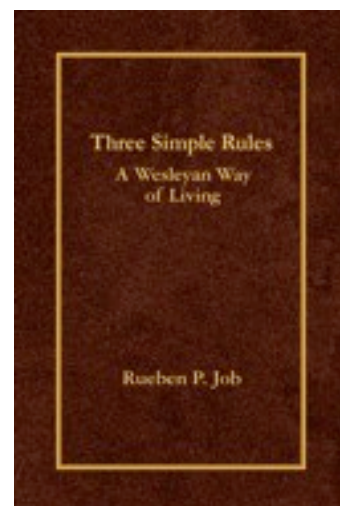
- Jim

3 Simple Rules:

A new sermon series starting April 26

Life has a way of becoming increasingly complicated and fast-paced. We can get pulled in so many directions that we lose touch with the core sense of meaning and direction in life. Is there a way to cut through the complexities and turbulence of our modern lives and put our feet on some bedrock?

As United Methodists, we have a life-enhancing treasure from our Wesleyan heritage: 3 simple rules that have dramatically changed the world and which, when applied to our lives, can dramatically change us. These 3 simple rules are: 1) Do no harm, 2) Do good, and 3) Stay in love with God. Come to the new sermon series starting April 26, and rediscover your core sense of meaning.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

A Special Retirees Evening

With Ava Barber and Fredda Valentine-Temples,
Thursday, April 23, 2009

Ava Barber started singing at Inskip Baptist Church and sang with the Central High School chorus for four years. In 1974, Ava won an audition with the Lawrence Welk Show. Her performance was successful and at the age of nineteen, she became a regular on the show. After the show ended, she and her husband toured the United States and Canada doing what they love - music. Ava calls Knoxville home, but she also performs in Branson, Missouri.

In 1985, Fredda Valentine-Temples met Ava Barber and traveled nationwide with "Ava and The Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show Concert Series." After forming her own band in the 80's, she began her solo career in the 90's. She recently released a gospel CD featuring 2 songs she has written. She performs throughout the east Tennessee area.

Ava and Fredda will perform together in a special evening for retirees on April 23, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. The program will include "oldies" and gospel music. Dinner will follow at 6:00 p.m. and is \$6.00. Reservations must be made with Jean Payne by April 21.

Silent Auction

Due to construction and renovations, the Fitness Room is no longer available. However, there is high quality exercise equipment that needs a new home! We will be holding a Silent Auction on Sunday mornings, April 19 and 26. Bids may be placed on a table just outside the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00, and again from 10:30 to 11:00. All equipment will be available for inspection. The winning bidders will be notified by Monday, May 4, and are responsible for disassembly and removal.

Only Three Weeks Away!

That's right! The church Rummage Sale is coming up on May 2, 2009.

Drop Off Dates:

- Thursday, April 30, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Set up: May 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sale: Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with \$3 Brown-Bag-a-Bargain beginning at noon.

Due to limited space, there are no early drop offs. No old computers or used mattresses may be donated. Call Julie Knoefel (405-7251) if you have any questions.

Website Volunteers Needed

We are looking to build a volunteer base that can help us make sure that our church website is an effective tool for ministry and communication. If you are interested in helping us with this goal, please contact Andrew Duncan at ext. 108 or via email at aduncan@fountaincityumc.org. You do not necessarily need to have a technical or web background, but it is helpful.



The Spirit Bible Question

Question: The apostle Paul was born in what city?

Challenge - no using the internet!

Know the answer? Email your answer to aduncan@fountaincityumc.org.

Last Question's Answer: Jesus sent *Peter* fishing to get money for taxes. (Matthew 17:24-27)

Congratulations to Bill Miller!



PRAYER FOCUS

John 14:1:

"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

Jesus, thank you that you care enough to comfort us. We thank you for your love and care. Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR: APRIL 17 - APRIL 25, 2009

Friday, April 17

- 5:00 PM Youth Spring Retreat (Offsite)
- 6:00 PM Aaron Duncan Percussion Recital (Sanctuary)
(Come and support Andrew's little brother!)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, April 18

- Youth Spring Retreat continues
- 10:00 AM Basketball (Gencay) (Gym)

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)*
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
- 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 2:00 PM Youth Retreat returns
- 4:30 PM Family & Life Ministry Meeting (Room 136)
- 5:00 PM *OffeRing* Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 6:00 PM Nichols Bible Study (Room 136)
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
Disciple I (Room 137)
- 7:30 PM College-Age Bible Study (The Net)

Monday, April 20

- 8:30 AM Preschool (Monday-Friday) (Various Rooms)
- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M-W-F) (Gym)
- 10:00 AM Knitters (Room 117)
- 3:30 PM The Net (Monday-Friday)
- 4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Preschool Training (Room 136)*
- 6:30 PM MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers (Wesley Hall)*
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Various Rooms)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 136)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 136)
- 10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)
- 4:00 PM *OffeRing II* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
- 5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 22

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal (Gym)
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Children's Programming
(Upstairs Children's wing)

(Wednesday, continued)

- Tollers* Adult Handbells (Handbell Room)+
- Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)
- High School Youth Group (The Net)
- Book Study "Same Kind..." (Room 138)+
- Caregivers (Room 112)+
- Financial Peace University (Room 117)+
- "3 Simple Rules" Study (Wesley Hall)+
- Parenting Partners Workshop (Room 201)+
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
- 7:45 PM *The Journey* Band Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, April 23

- 5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
Retirees Dinner & Program (Wesley Hall)
- 5:30 PM Staff Parish (Room 137)
- 6:30 PM Special Needs Ministry (Room 136)*
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)*
- 8:00 PM Dave Ramsey Simulcast (Sanctuary)*
- 9:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Friday, April 24

- 7:30 PM Homeschool Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, April 25

- 5:30 PM Open Door Community Meal (Gym)

* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade
+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school.

Mothers and Sons - Mind Your Hammers. . .

Moms and Boys, don't miss out on this year's annual Mother/Son Event! Join us on Sunday, April 26, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the gym parking lot for a building project, including building (of course), snacks, door prizes, and more. Tickets are \$5 per boy and will be sold on Sunday, April 19, Wednesdays, April 15 and 23, and in the church office. Be sure to wear work clothes and bring your hammer! If the weather looks questionable, watch the church website - our rain date will be May 3.

Emergency On Call - April 17-19

Jim Whedbee

April Drivers

Morning: Brent Eldridge

After Church: Whobodies Class

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Peter Keyes

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

“Operation InAsMuch” News

If you would still like to participate in Operation INASMUCH this spring on April 25, you may partner with the congregation at St. Paul UMC here in Fountain City. Contact Jerry Bailey at jbailey16122@peoplepc.com for more information on how to get involved. If you have further questions, feel free to contact Melissa Smith at msmith@fountaincityumc.org.

Mission Scholarship Luncheon

Sunday, April 26 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us in the gym for lunch in order to help provide scholarship money for upcoming mission trips. Come together for this time of fellowship to support our hard working mission teams!

April Salt & Light Missions

The Salt & Light Special missions giving in Amani Children's home in Tanzania. Amani (Swahili for "Peace") has been serving the children of Moshi, Tanzania for several years. The purpose is to house, feed, clothe and educate children who basically live on the streets because they have no families or their families cannot care for them. This center moved to its new facility last spring and now houses over 100 children. Their director, Valerie Todd, is the wife of Matthew Todd who grew up here at FCUMC. This center is supported by individuals and groups from all over the world who love children and want the very best for them.

You can view the video of Amani at www.amanikids.org to learn more about this amazing ministry. If your group would like to hear more about this opportunity to serve, please contact Susan Todd at 689-5518.

Save The Date for VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! This year's dates are June 21-25, 2009. Please be in prayer for this ministry and consider how you can be a part of this community outreach for kids. This year's theme is "Crocodile Dock." We will journey to a Louisiana swamp where fearless kids can learn how to shine God's light. Look for the sign-up board in the main hallway beginning Sunday, April 26.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: Mary Lou Alley by John & Anna Mays; Bill & Betty Dyke; **Cecil Meek** by Tom & Lili Holbert
In Honor Of: Don "HugsheW" by Jim Whedbee; **Lula Mae Winegar on her birthday** by Faye Conner; John & Anna Mays



Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: Cecil Meek, Mary Lou Alley by Dolores Smith; **Mary Lou Alley** by Bobbie Searcy
In Honor Of: All FCUMC Saints by Tom Harrington; **Lula Mae Winegar** by Dot Stuart; **Phil Bopp's birthday** by Bobbie Searcy



General Fund: In Memory Of: Deceased FCUMC Friends by Frances P. Lawson; **Jeanne Cloud, Aggie Cloud** by Tom Cloud



Scholarship Fund: In Honor Of: Lula Mae Winegar by Virginia Frye; **Maggie Meek** by Erin, Hayden, & Bryce Bolus

OUR SYMPATHY



- Our sympathy is extended to Alvah Bible and family in the death of his brother, **Harold Bible**, who passed away on April 9, 2009.

Upcoming Youth Events

- April 17-19: Youth Group Spring Retreat - Doe River Gorge
- April 29: High School Summer Mission trip \$50 Deposit and Registration Due
- May 3: Graduate Dinner, 6 p.m.
- May 17: Confirmation Service & Dinner
- May 17: Middle School Summer Mission Trip \$50 deposit and registration due
- May 26-30: Youth Choir/Handbell Tour
- June 7-13: High School mission trip to Charleston, SC
- July 26-31: Middle School Mission trip to Marion, VA

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of April 14, 2009

(removed for privacy)

Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital

Donna Whitfield

OUR PRESENCE

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

Sunday School	535
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	390
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	626
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	128
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	72
Total Morning Worship	1216
Wednesday Fellowship Meal (4/8)	151
Maundy Thursday Service (4/9)	132
Good Friday Service (4/10)	181

OUR GIFTS

Received 3/30-4/6	\$32,668.08
Year to Date	\$411,320.91
Expenses to Date	\$384,031.99
Difference	\$27,288.92
Salt & Light (April)	\$18

OUR SERVICE

April 8:30 Ushers: Charles & Celia Thompson, Head Ushers; Scott & Twila Womack

April 11:00 Ushers: Ernest Sprouse, Head Usher; Richard & Sonja Bock, Harry McLeod, Bill Reseigh, David Howell, Mark Sharpe, Mike Hensley, Doug Cox, Dean Vance, John Meade, Jordan Spradling

April Journey Ushers: Mike & Alice Britton

Upcoming Children's Events:

- April 26: Mother/Son Event
- June 2: Family Pool Party
- June 5-7: Family Mission Trip
- June 9: Wesley Woods Day at Camp
- June 21: Vacation Bible School

Want to take a hike? Come to Camp Wesley Woods on Saturday, April 18 for a free, guided wildflower hike for anyone who loves to be in God's creation. The hike will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch! For more information, call Camp Wesley Woods at (865) 448-2246. www.campwesleywoods.com
